

Thomas Jamison, assistant superintendent of our Silver Creek Sunday-school and president of our young people's meeting, a young man who has "laid hold" of eternal life in real earnest. Oh, for a revival of God's love and the Spirit's power in our hearts, that when one who is active drops out, or moves away, or is absent or late from any cause there may be others ready and willing to step into their places.

As to the absence above referred to. On Saturday, Nov. 4, I received a telegram from Brother McFaden for myself and wife to come and "cast the net" in the waters round about Carleton, Neb., for a "ten day's catch." Our little girl was suffering from the whooping cough, my wife could not go, so I went alone, and on my arrival found I was indeed alone, Brother McFaden having been called to Russell Co., Kansas to attend a sick man, and did not return till the next week. However, he has some good fellow-helpers to the truth there, and a live people, so we "set the net" and waited and toiled and trusted, with varying interest on the part of the people till I began to almost think we were toiling all night without the possibility of "taking anything," but I felt sure we had cast on the "right side of the ship," and about the middle of the second watch (second week the shoals began to come but not into the net,) until Friday evening, 11th inst., which was my last night, when one came; but others had promised to come, so I left Brother McFaden to draw in the net alone which he did, and enclosed (not a multitude,) six by baptism on Sunday. But now brethren, to carry out the above similitude, what is it but that the net was not "set" long enough, but had to be drawn in just when it was getting interesting, and instead of the multitude being enclosed, it was left outside.

J. ELLWOOD BRAKER.

Roanoke, Va.

Perhaps your thousands of readers will be sufficiently intended in my movements to read of my late visit to Washington, D. C. I was in Baltimore on the morning of the 12 inst. visiting our daughter Laura, who is a matriculate at the famous Peabody Institute. I took the 9:30 train for Washington and at 10:30 was in the city. Not having Brother Lyon's residence No. I sought the directory and in accord with instructions I proceeded to the designated place to find another tenant in occupancy. I then sought the home of Brother Hollinger, the G. B. pastor, and, after a long, tiresome search I was fortunate in finding it. It was now a few minutes till 12 m, so I rested till the return of the family from worship.

I found Brother H. a very companionable host and you will not need to be assured that we lost no time in discussing religion in most of its multitudinous phases, especially those "phases" of special interest to the representatives of the branches of the Tunker family present.

I suppose you need not be told that Brother Lyon's successor in charge of G. B. inter-

ests in the capital city, stands for "the order" in all its entirety. Brother Hollinger is not radical, however strongly he advocates the new peculiarities of his church. He very properly denounces fashions' *Extravagances* but he is disposed to tolerate, as harmless, those fashions that are plain and modest. If all of his people were as conservative as he is there would be less of the foolish decisions in the book of minutes. He recognizes that it will be impossible to successfully build up a gospel church in the cultured Capitol of our great country on the basis of the quaint fashions of the last century. Such doctrine prevails best where people do not think.

After refreshments, which were most bountifully served by Grace Hollinger, a most aimable sister, Brother H. directed me to the house of Brother Lyon. I found a real Progressive welcome at the hands of the entire household, including a goodly company of spiritual brothers and sisters. We talked of Progressive affairs till just before tea when Brother Lyon and I took a stroll around, and among the interesting sights we viewed the imposing G. B. church house, nearing completion. When finished it will rank with the fine churches of the city. It will not be gorgeous, but will present a striking and pleasing contrast with the barn like house of the country congregations. The quaintly dressed sisters will doubtless feel out of sympathy with the architectural beauties of such a structure, and the pulpit admonitions in behalf of the fashions of former generations will echo strangely in the dim religious lights of the vaulted domes of the beautiful building. We hope our brethren will be able, in the near future, to build a house for Brother Lyon of equal splendor, minus one half. I find it takes money to "progress" with much success.

At 7:30 p. m. we held a curb-stone service which was very interesting and profitable. At 8 o'clock we assembled in the hall where our brethren worship, and found a fair congregation. Our service was very enjoyable and the greeting of the Washington saints was fraternal. I enjoyed the hour most richly and will hold it among memories treasured for many days to come. I left on the 9:20 train for Roanoke.

After deliberately viewing the prospects and probabilities of the Washington mission I will assure the brotherhood that, in my opinion, it is bound to prosper if we lend it "the helping hand" it so largely deserves. A brother said to me some time ago that he did not think it would succeed. The way to defeat it is to withhold aid and it will fail and our prophecy will be verified.

Brethren as your heart is with the Lord's heart give bountifully to the Washington mission.

D. C. MOOMAW.

Buckeye City Items

Revival meeting in progress, large congregations and one confession.

Sunday-school doing well and K. C. is growing in interest. S. S. C. E. doing good work and almost ready to put a new ceiling

in the church and new carpets and pulpit, etc. Public and missionary collections are growing larger.

Ankenytown. Our people at Ankenytown painted the church on outside, which gives it a fine appearance, and are now about ready to place a furnace in the cellar, which will put it in the front rank of Brethren churches, in the state of Ohio.

Two were added by baptism at this place since last report. Sunday-school doing well with Charles Beal as superintendent. S. S. C. E. have also been doing good work with Sister Swank and Sister Garber at the helm. Sister Guthrie and Sister Swank who were confined for several weeks in the Cincinnati Hospital, have returned to their homes much improved in health.

North Liberty.—Church services at this place are well attended. Sunday-school doing nicely with brother Asa Beal and Brother McCoy as superintendents. S. S. C. E. doing well and also raising money to help the church in getting a furnace. For here too a furnace will heat the church in a very short time. And the church is to be repapered and have new chandeliers.

J. L. KIMMEL.

North Solomon Valley Church

According to previous arrangements we left home on the 10th, for Edmond, Kansas to assist in holding a feast. We were met at the train by brother S. R. Perkins and conducted to his home where we arrived about ten at night. The next day Brother P. took us around among the brethren as far as time would permit. Soon after returning home Brother and Sister Bissel, in company with two of Norton church members put in their appearance and we became convinced that they meant business. That evening all that could surround the Lord's table, and it was a feast long to be remembered by all, not only because of the manifestation of Christ's spirit among the members, but the attention that we enjoyed by all present. The people of Edmond truly have a grand class of neighbors and if the proper spiritual life be lived the church will continue to increase in numbers. A more whole hearted people we never met on earth. Brother Friends tho holding his membership with the G. B's., gave us a Christian welcome. He promised to assist all he could to encourage the work; and by the way two of his dear daughters are with us as a part of the fruit of the labor of our esteemed evangelist, A. J. Hixson. I was told that his work brought just simply grand result for which we glorify God. Continue dear brother, we will all reap if we faint not. Preached Sunday morning and evening assisted by Brethren Bissel and Friends. Was prevailed upon to return and hold a two weeks' meeting sometime before the spring of 1900 be ended, which we will if God permits. Made other partial promises of which we will speak in some future time. One expressed her desire to be baptized to which Brother Bissel was to attend the next day. Others were expect-